

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please insert the following paragraph after the title:

This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application PCT/IT2004/000707 filed December 17, 2004 which claims priority from Italian Application No. VR2003A000141 filed December 19, 2003. The entire teachings of the referenced application is incorporated herein by reference. International Application PCT/IT2004/000707 was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English

On page 2, line 25 please insert the following paragraph before the section entitled Description of the Invention:

Document EP-A-1147973 discloses a system for sensing the presence of a semi-tractor as the mechanical connection between a trailer and a fifth wheel of the semi-tractor is made, or for sensing the presence of a rail car as the mechanical connection between the trailer and a stanchion plate of the rail car is made. A sensor is provided in the floor of the trailer proximate to the kingpin. The sensor senses the presence of the fifth wheel or the rail car stanchion plate during the connection process. The sensor has not a wedge shape, it is incorporated in the frame of the semi-trailer, and is positioned forward of the kingpin of the fifth wheel.

Document DE-A-3518540 discloses a coupling hitch for semi-trailer having a coupling plate with antifriction layer on tractor, supporting a sheet steel disc with magnetic rubber or resilient plastic layer.